

*UMASS TO USE FEDERAL FUNDS TO PROCEED WITH
REGIONAL TRAVELER INFORMATION CENTER*

WASHINGTON: Congressman John W. Olver (1st District) and Senator Edward M. Kennedy announced today that the UMass Transportation Center has been approved to use federal funds to proceed with the construction of a new regional traveler information center in Pioneer Valley.

"First and foremost, the UMass traveler information center addresses the critical transportation needs of the Pioneer Valley region," said Senator Kennedy. "This new center will provide real-time information on traffic conditions and travel times, which is essential for the safety and efficiency of our transportation system."

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Through his position on the Appropriations Committee, Congressman Olver secured funding for the project. "This is a great example of how federal funding can be used to improve our infrastructure," said that "This new center is a major step forward in our commitment to improving the transportation experience for our students, faculty, and the community."

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Olver added, "As new information-sharing technologies are constantly becoming available, it is important that we take advantage of them to improve our transportation system."

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